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115th Fighter Wing to conduct mishap response exercise

DeForest and Air National Guard first responders will take part in a simulated military aircraft mishap starting between noon and 12:30 p.m. today (Oct. 12, 2005) near the corner of River Rd. and Cuba Valley Rd. in DeForest.

The Wisconsin Air National Guard's 115th Fighter Wing planned the exercise to train civilian and Air National Guard emergency response teams in procedures and techniques used in the event of a military aircraft mishap. The training exercise was originally scheduled September 13th, but was canceled due to severe weather.

The 115th Fighter Wing, based at Madison's Truax Field, is currently planning future training events with first responder agencies from the city of Madison and surrounding communities. Each exercise is designed to increase the familiarity of local agencies with the proper techniques to respond to potential military and general aviation mishaps.

Media are invited to attend to also learn military and first-response procedures, as well as safety requirements journalists should follow while covering an actual mishap.

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Media are asked to not release this information until the exercise has started to maintain the spontaneity of the event for participants.

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